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# CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

## AUGUST 2014

### Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Summer is rapidly coming to a close, but I hope you have a safe and happy Labor Day as we head into the Fall season.

With the coming of Fall comes the budget season. On September 25 the County Executive is expected to unveil his 2015 proposed budget, and the Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee will spend the next several weeks making adjustments to it before the County Board approves the budget on November 10. Please let me know if you have suggestions or requests for this year's budget.

Meanwhile, I am excited to announce that MillerCoors has made a \$500,000 contribution to help Milwaukee County continue to make improvements to South Shore Park over the next five years, specifically improving the water quality at the beach. We truly appreciate the MillerCoors donation, and it will go a long way toward making the park a better place for families and friends to gather.

In addition, a joint public hearing on the proposed sale of O'Donnell Park to Northwestern Mutual for \$14 million will be held at 6:30 p.m. September 10 at the Harbor Lights Room at the Downtown Transit Center, 909 E. Michigan. I hope you can join us as we discuss an issue that will have a deep impact on our downtown lakefront for years to come.

We have a lot of exciting events to look forward to this fall, and we have listed some of them in this enewsletter. I hope you can enjoy some of these events as we close down the Summer season.

I hope to hear from you on the issues that concern you, and again I hope you have a safe and happy Labor Day!

Sincerely,

*Marina D.*

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# Milwaukee County News Updates

## Chairwoman Dimitrijevic Thanks MillerCoors for Generous Donation to South Shore, Says \$500,000 Contribution Will Help Revitalize Park and Beach



**MillerCoors, Milwaukee County Parks and the University of Wisconsin -** Milwaukee's School of Freshwater Sciences recently announced that they are teaming up to revitalize South Shore Park. The brewer donated half a million dollars to help support improvements to the beach over the course of five years. The partners will use the funding to implement long-term, sustainable improvements to both water and beach quality, providing safe and fun recreational opportunities for the community and preserving a historical treasure.

Improvements to the park to improve water quality will include migratory bird management, beach clean-up and maintenance, and a beach health and water quality educational kiosk. When the project is done, it's expected that that water quality and safety will be significantly improved. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Freshwater Science will continue to lead all research, monitor the water quality and identify the sources of contamination.

I live very close to the park and am a longtime member of the South Shore Park Watch, and cleaning up the beach has been a priority of mine since taking office in 2004. I worked with neighborhood groups to bring millions of county dollars to south shore to rebuild the break wall, improve the bike trail and restore the shoreline.

Several improvements to the Park have been passed by the County Board over the past 10 years. Last year, funding for a beach-groomer was included in the budget and the beach-groomer has been in use this year. In addition, \$2.8 million in County and federal funds was used going back to 2004 and 2005 for bike and hiking trails. I am proud to have been part of the effort to appropriate that money for South Shore Park,



and the MillerCoors funding is a spectacular and generous contribution toward making the beach a better, cleaner place for the entire community.

I also authored a successful budget amendment last year directing county funds to the Parks Department to purchase the beach groomer to clean the sand along the South Shore. Planning and phase 1 designs will reconstruct the South Shore Yacht Club parking lot, which has needed repair and is contributing to runoff polluting the water. By replacing the current pavement with permeable pavement, runoff will be reduced and water quality will improve.

I am ecstatic about this new partnership with MillerCoors in Milwaukee County. Their investment in Bradford Beach has contributed to a great revitalization that we are ready for in Bay View. The return on this kind investment will be felt for generations to come. I can't wait for families all over Milwaukee County to be able to enjoy our beach once again. Thank you to MillerCoors for believing in Bay View and continuing to contribute to Milwaukee.

On behalf of the residents in Bay View, I thank MillerCoors for helping us to build on our vision for an improved beach for all to enjoy. We are grateful to have such a wonderful natural resource in our neighborhood and thankful for an amazing, local partner like MillerCoors.



# Milwaukee County News Updates

## Chill on the Hill Concludes

Now that the annual “Chill on the Hill” concert series has concluded, I want to thank the Bay View Neighborhood Association, the volunteers and the sponsors who helped make it all happen. Chill on the Hill has become a summer tradition in Humboldt Park, and hundreds of people from around the community come out to enjoy an evening of music, fun and friendship.

Organizers say Chill on the Hill performers are often from the Bay View neighborhood and crowds of up to 3,000 include families and friends of all ages on Tuesday evenings. The concert series won a WAMI Award for People's Choice Best Venue in Southeast Wisconsin in 2013.

Chill on the Hill is a great example of people coming together to celebrate our community.

Congratulations to all involved on a fantastic year! I'm already looking forward to next year's series!

## Beautiful Bay View Photo Contest

What makes you proud to live in Bay View? This is your chance to enter a photo contest of things that make you proud to live in our community. Scenes of your neighborhood that make you love living here are among the subjects that will be considered. The Bay View Neighborhood is sponsoring the “Beautiful Bay View Photo Contest” this year, with a deadline of September 1<sup>st</sup> for submissions.

According to BVNA, you can take photos of local landmarks, parks, natural areas, or public spaces that you love. In addition, they will accept photos of animals, pets and nature. You may also take photos of public events, but please note if there are any people featured in your photos, you must have permission to include them.

For more information go to <http://www.bayviewneighborhood.org/Guidelines-and-Criteria>

## Public Meeting on the South Shore Park Master Plan Designs



For more information about improvements to South Shore Park, go to <http://county.milwaukee.gov/SouthShoreParkSchematicDesignProject>



# Milwaukee County Budget Calendar

## 2015 Annual Budget Schedule

### APRIL 1

Preliminary Preparation: Direction to County Departments on preparation of the subsequent year budget.

### JUNE 1

Departments submit new position requests.

### JUNE 15

Departments submit capital budget requests.  
Departments submit operating budget requests.

### JULY & AUGUST

Department of Administration Services and County Executive review departmental budget requests.

### AUGUST 15

Department of Administration Services submits summary of requested budgets to the County Board.

### SEPTEMBER 25

County Executive presents the Recommended Budget to the County Board.  
The Recommended Budget is referred to the Board's Committee on Finance, Personnel & Audit for review.

### OCTOBER 1 to 1st week in NOVEMBER

The Committee on Finance, Personnel & Audit reviews the Recommended Budget.  
A notice is published in local daily newspapers summarizing the Recommended Budget and announcing the annual public hearing on the County Budget.

### NOVEMBER - 1st Monday of the Month

Monday, November 3 - 6:30 p.m.  
County Board Public Hearing on budget.

### 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday in NOVEMBER

Monday, November 10 - 8:30 a.m.  
County Board annual meeting and the adoption of the budget and tax levy.  
During this meeting, the County Board acts on the amendments by the Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee to the County Executive's Recommended Budget as well as amendments submitted by individual County Board members.

### NOVEMBER 19

The County Board meets at 1:30 p.m. on November 19, 2014, to consider any possible vetoes by the Executive.

### JANUARY 1

Departments begin utilizing budget to provide public services.



# Save the Date

## Public Hearing on Proposed Sale of O'Donnell Park set for September 10

A joint public hearing of the Milwaukee County Board's Parks, Energy and Environment Committee, and the Economic and Community Development Committee on the proposed sale of O'Donnell Park to Northwestern Mutual will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10 at the Downtown Transit Center Harbor Lights Room, 909 E. Michigan Street.

The committees will hear a brief description of the proposal by Teig Whaley-Smith, Director of Economic Development, and a report by a work group from Comptroller Scott Manske's office before taking public comment.

This joint night hearing is designed to give residents the opportunity to express themselves on the future of O'Donnell Park, the lakefront and economic development in Milwaukee County. This decision will have a long-lasting impact on the future of Milwaukee's downtown lakefront, and I encourage everyone to attend and let their voice be heard on this key issue.

If you cannot make it to the hearing, please feel free to contact my office at 278-4232 and express your feelings about this important issue. I want to hear from you!

## Bay View Bash set for September 13

Join us as the Bay View community celebrates the 11<sup>th</sup> annual "Bay View Bash," Milwaukee's largest all-volunteer street festival, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 13 between Potter and Clement Avenue. The festival, which strives to be "near zero waste," will feature a dog walk; four music stages and a demonstration stage; and a children's area.

Come out and show your Bay View pride by attending this annual event. It's fun for the whole family and a great way to celebrate our wonderful community and meet your neighbors.

For more information, go to [www.bayviewbash.org](http://www.bayviewbash.org)

## 3rd Annual International Food and Art Walk! On September 13

Celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the Silver City neighborhood at the 3rd Annual International Food & Art Walk! from 12-5 p.m. on Saturday, September 13. Travel the world along National Avenue between South 33rd and 35th streets and sample ethnic cuisine from countries spanning the globe while also enjoying live art performances, free live music, and free activities for kids and displays from local businesses.

This event is supported in part by a grant from the [Wisconsin Arts Board](#) with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts along with [LISC Milwaukee](#), the [Zilber Family Foundation](#), and [88NINE Radio Milwaukee](#).

Visit [www.silvercitydistrict.org](http://www.silvercitydistrict.org) for more information.

## 4th Annual Doors Open Milwaukee Set for September 20 and 21

Doors Open Milwaukee will open doors to more than 100 buildings free of charge to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 20 and 21st. These buildings are hidden treasures and all have special stories – from churches to office buildings, theaters to work sites, museums and hotels, clubs to universities.

For more information, go to <http://doorsopenmilwaukee.org/>

## Bay View Gallery Night Coming on September 26

Bay View's Gallery Night will be held from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on September 26. Celebrate local art, music and local businesses on one amazing evening in Bay View. More Information to come. Go to <http://www.bvgn.org/>



# Save the Date



## Public Hearing on the Proposed Sale of O'Donnell Park Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Harbor Lights Room at Downtown Transit Center 909 E. Michigan Street

### FREE PARKING

O'Donnell Park parking structure across the street.  
Enter parking structure on Michigan Street.

Joint meeting of the Milwaukee County Board's Committees on  
Parks, Energy and Environment  
&  
Economic and Community Development  
Public presentation of the Milwaukee County Comptroller's  
report on the proposed agreement regarding O'Donnell Park.

Additional information available to the public online at County Legislative Information Center (CLIC), [county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC](http://county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC)  
Economic & Community Development File No. 14-610 and report from the Milwaukee County Comptroller.

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